

Operating Reserves Work Group Customer Desired Flexibilities

TBL's customers participating in the Operating Reserve Work Group have identified several areas where they would like to see more flexibility in TBL's Operating Reserve Business Practice. Currently, many of these requests cannot be entertained because of limitations of the RODS system. In the future it may be possible to build enhanced flexibility into the new systems, however, this assumes that at least four broad things happen:

1. Customers identify and prioritise a list of specific enhancements that they would like to see in the future;
2. Customers, TBL and the Architects for the new Systems (i.e. Scheduling, Billing & their interface with Operations) improve their understanding of the details of specific flexibility requests;
3. The System Architects determine the feasibility and estimate the cost of each flexibility enhancement;
4. TBL decides which flexibility elements will be incorporated into its offering of Operating Reserve Services in the future.

One of the objectives for the May 29 Operating Reserve Work Group is to produce a prioritized list of specific flexibility enhancements that TBL's customers would like to see. I hope that we will see a strong customer turn out and that TBL's customers will make a point of sending representatives who can speak to why a particular flexibility enhancement is important to them.

Flexibility questions & issues that I thought we should explore further are:

How to track Op. Res. Billing once the E-tag becomes the schedule?

What Op. Res. Election periods shorter do customers want after 2005?

Allowing multiple Operating Reserve Suppliers for each TCH

Allowing TCHs to self-supply only Supplemental Reserves

Allowing interruptible energy exports from the BPAT control area

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